

**Amendment No. 1 to SB0650**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 650\***

**House Bill No. 879**

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by deleting Section 1 of the introduced bill in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) To qualify for election or appointment to the office of constable, a person shall:

- (1) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (2) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age prior to the date of qualifying for election;
- (3) Be a qualified voter of the county;
- (4) Not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge;
- (5) Not have been released, separated or discharged from the armed forces of the United States with a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge, or as a consequence of conviction at court-martial for either state or federal offenses;
- (6) Be fingerprinted, under the direction of the Tennessee bureau of investigation. The bureau of investigation shall make a search of local, state and federal fingerprint files for any criminal record of candidates who qualify for election or appointment to the office of constable. It shall be the responsibility of the bureau of investigation to advise the appropriate registrar of elections if the candidate is found to not be qualified as specified in subdivisions (4) and (5) herein.

(7) Have been certified by a qualified professional in the psychiatric or psychological fields to be free of all apparent mental disorders as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Third Edition (DSM III) or its successor, of the American Psychiatric Association.

(8) Have personally completed the application for a nominating petition, in person, at the office of the county election commission and in the presence of an employee of the office of the county election commission.